



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0198]

Proposed Information Collection (Supporting Statement for VA Form 10-8678
Application for Annual Clothing Allowance)

Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each extension collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed for Veterans, Veteran Representatives and health care providers to request reimbursement from the federal government for emergency services at a private institution.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or Audrey Revere, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: Audrey.revere@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0198" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Revere at (202) 461-5694.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on:

- (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles: Application for Annual Clothing Allowance.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0198,

Type of Review: Extension.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) through its Veterans Health Administration (VHA) administers an integrated program of benefits and services, established by law, for veterans, service personnel, and their dependents and/or beneficiaries. Information is requested by this form under the authority of 38 U.S.C., Section 1162, Clothing Allowance, which provides authority for the Secretary to pay a clothing allowance to veterans who because of a service-connected disability, wears or uses a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance (including a wheelchair) which tends to wear out or tear clothing or uses medication that causes irreparable damage to the outer garments. Entitlement to this benefit is granted by 38 CFR 3.810, Clothing Allowance, upon application by the eligible individual.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households,

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,120 burden hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 6 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,720

Dated: November 10, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie, Department Clearance Officer,
Department of Veterans Affairs.

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